



VISTING ELECTIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (VESP)

at the

University of California San Francisco

The Visiting Elective Scholarship Program (VESP) supported by the Physicians Medical Forum (PMF) was established to encourage African American/Black fourth year medical students to apply for a fourth year clinical elective offered through the School of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF).

PMF's **mission** is to encourage the recruitment and retention of Black/African American physicians, and thereby help to eliminate health disparities, improve access to care, maintain diversity within the profession, and improve the quality of life and medical care for people in the Oakland/San Francisco Bay Area of California.

The visiting elective scholarship program is designed to:

- Enhance the recruitment of African American/Black medical students to residency training programs in the Oakland/San Francisco Bay Area with the ultimate goal of remaining in the area to practice medicine
- Expose African American/Black fourth year medical students who are underrepresented in medicine to an academic training program
- Promote student interest in applying to an academic training program
- Promote interest in clinical and translational research
- Provide mentorship during the clinical elective experience

Clinical electives are four weeks in length and are available, space permitting, to **U.S. medical students**. VESP participants are assigned a faculty advisor and have the opportunity to network with UCSF faculty, housestaff, students and PMF physicians. A diversity dinner with faculty, housestaff and PMF physicians is held during each rotation. In addition all participants are invited and encouraged to attend various seminars including monthly Medical Effectiveness Research Center for Diverse Populations (MERC) seminars and department grand rounds. VESP participation is not affiliated the UCSF residency match program and participation in the program does not guarantee a residency program interview.



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WHO CAN APPLY?

- » African American/Black fourth year **U.S. medical students** who are from the Oakland/San Francisco Bay Area and/or interested in practicing in the Oakland/San Francisco Bay Area after residency
- » Student must be in good academic standing at an accredited **US medical school**
- » Requirements for the UCSF school of medicine's clinical electives must also be met
- » 4th year standing
- » completion of all core clerkships in medicine, surgery, pediatrics, psychiatry and OB-GYN

APPLICATION

- » Completed VESP application (see attached)
- » Recent CV
- » Letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- » A personal statement of up to 1,500 words.
- » An official academic transcript from your school of medicine
- » **Students must also apply to the clinical elective program of their choice through the UCSF School of Medicine. Info: <http://www.medschool.ucsf.edu/visitingstudents/general/>**

SELECTION: Scholarships (up to \$2,000 each, to be used toward visiting student elective fees, transportation costs and lodging) will be awarded on the basis of:

- » Academic achievement as indicated by transcripts, letter of recommendation, etc
- » Leadership
- » Interest in serving underserved populations (community service)
- » Commitment remaining in the Oakland/San Francisco Bay Area to practice medicine
- » Interest in pursuing an academic career in Emergency Medicine, Family Practice, Ob-Gyn, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Radiology, Surgery, Urology and other specialties.

DEADLINE: Rolling deadline. Applications must be received 6-8 weeks prior to the elective start date, though applications received less than 8 weeks may be considered.



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Also visit the following websites:

UCSF School of Medicine Visiting Student Info
medschool.ucsf.edu/visiting-students/general

Physicians Medical Forum
pmfmd.com

UCSF Office of Graduate Medical Education
medschool.ucsf.edu/gme

Nurturing Diversity at UCSF
diversity.ucsf.edu